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Docket Management System,  
U.S. Department of Transportation,  
Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am **OPPOSED** to the proposed Notice for Rule Making for Docket Number FAA-1998-4521 - 1192

I am an American aviation enthusiast, and among other aviation related activities in which I participate, I am a member of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation.

Our organization was founded on the premise that we can educate the American public, connect the American soldier to the American public, inspire patriotism and motivate Americans, and preserve authentic, flyable examples of Army aircraft and utilize them in aerial, educational "living history" demonstrations and presentations so that the symbols of America's military legacy may always remain in our skies for future generations.

It is my understanding that this proposed rule by the FAA could effectively preclude our organization from providing this valuable and widely appreciated service to the American public.

Having read the documentation presented in the October 22, 2003 Federal Register (Volume 68, Number 204), it appears to me that a problem with a small segment of flying operations in certain areas of the country, is being attacked with a wholesale change in the rules for aviation in general.

It is my belief that the vast majority of flying operations that provide rides in aircraft and charge a small fee to cover expenses or provide funds for charitable organizations are completely safe, and are currently adequately governed by the provisions of Part 91. Requiring everyone to move to and operate under the provisions of Part 135, is, in my opinion, a change that is not necessary.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the provisions of FAA rule 1998-4521, the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), and allow ride-for-hire provisions to remain a Part 91 activity.

Organizations or individuals, offering aircraft rides, whether in a Ford Tri-motor, a biplane, Cessna, or a venerable Huey helicopter at your local airport or air show, have introduced millions of Americans to the joys of flight. That activity must be allowed to continue operating under the current oversight of the FAA under Part 91. This is especially true in this, the second century of flight.

Sincerely,



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